

FORM E - BUILDING

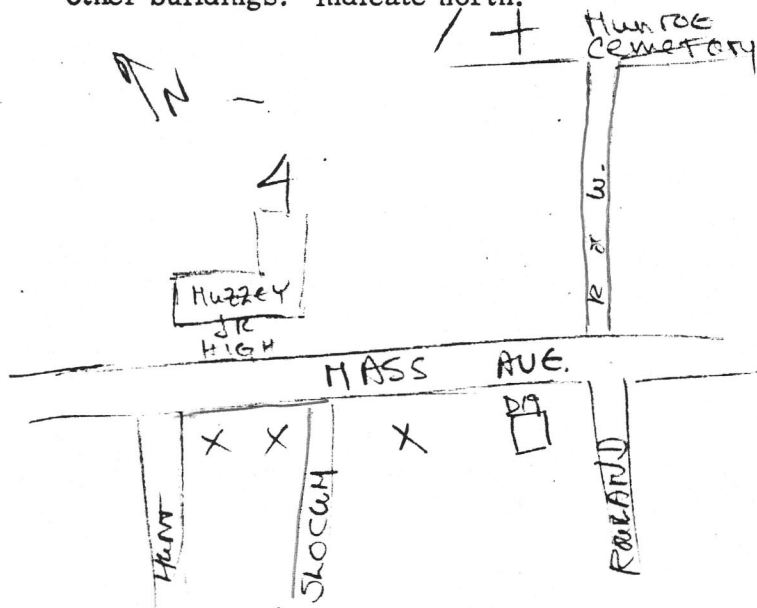
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
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own Lexington  
 dress 1454 Mass. Ave.  
 me Benjamin Fitch House  
 esent use Residence  
 esent owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 scription: \_\_\_\_\_  
 te 1906  
 Source Minute-Man, Sept 29, 1906  
 le Colonial Revival

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exterior wall fabric A. siding  
 Outbuildings (describe) None  
 Other features Fieldstone foundation  
first floor front windows - 12 x 12 with  
fanlight, door with side lights  
 Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage 100'  
 Approximate distance of building from street  
75'

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt  
 Organization Lex. Hist. Com.  
 Date 9/13/75

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9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Descrip. cont.

leaded glass fanlight; 2nd floor central triple window w. delicate leaded glass pattern; roof-high hip, asphalt shingle, two chimneys, two dormers front with curved pediment, urn motif; central portico two story ionic columns supporting gable pediment with ~~urn motif~~; cornice line with curved modillions; pilasters at corner; & defining central element, also with ionic capitals; urn shaped balusters at first floor porch level. E side with 1 first floor palladian window, west side with 2 first floor palladian windows, rear with one stair landing palladian window & stained glass rectangular window.

The house formerly on this site now stands at 6 Rowland Avenue (Pfaff), (#477) although it stood somewhat nearer to Massachusetts Avenue and each side of the front walk was flanked with lilac bushes (Reminiscence of Mrs. C.C. Goodwin, Lexington Historical Society). It was lived in by Col. William Munroe (Orderly Sgt. in Capt. Parker's company of Minute Men) and later by his daughter, Lucinda.

About 1910, the house was moved to "make room for the Fitch house" (Mrs. C.C. Goodwin). During the 1950s, this house was owned and lived in by Ronald S. Woodberry, Jr. and his family.

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town  
LEXINGTON

Property Address  
1454 MASS. AVE.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

A brief mention appearing in the *Lexington Minute-Man* on September 29, 1906, confirms a 1906 construction date for this house. Prior to the construction of this house, an older structure which formerly occupied the site was moved to what is now 6 Rowland Avenue (#477). The article notes:

The frame is up and boarded in for Mr. Benjamin Fitch's new house on the site of the former residence of Albert Griffith's family known as "The Lilacs". The new building presents the appearance of quite a commodious house. The old house which years ago was known as the Aunt Lucindy Munroe place, is now placed on a rear lot of land to the east of its former position and is being occupied by Mr. Fitch's family while his new house is building. The old place just alluded to was also known at one time, before the Griffiths occupied it, as the D. Cutts Nye place. The old ell of the main structure was moved off the premises on Tuesday and presented a curious sight as it proceeded up Mass. avenue on wheels.

According to the 1910 Census, Benjamin Fitch, then 70 years old, was living here with his wife Elizabeth and daughter Mary. By 1924 Fitch had passed away and Elizabeth was living here. Mary Fitch occupied the house in 1926. The occupant in 1932 was Thomas Keegan and in 1942 it was John Hess.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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U.S. Census

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